Ancient Administrative Divisions in Bengaluru Disctrict

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Summary:

Based on inscriptions of the period between 600 A.D. and 1350 A.D. following administrative divisions in Bangalore district have been identified in this research article.

Gangavadi 96,000 is the broad name given to the area in South Karnataka, and this is mentioned in two inscriptions of the district of 890 and 1005 A.D.

Vartur inscription speaks of **Ganga-6000** which was under the Nolambas.

Karikanadu included Yeshwantpur and Yelahanka regions and Bidirakallu village is mentioned as part of this.

Kelgalinadu is mentioned in a record from Aijur dated 710.

Morasunadu is mentioned in a record from Vartur of 820, and this was a part of bigger division Ganga-6000.

Bempur 12 was Begur and surrounding villages like Togur, Hulimangala, Iggalur, Kudalu, etc.

Mannenadu around Manne, and a record of 1050 speaks of **Vikrama Cholamandala**.

Nekkundiandu was around Nekkundi in Hoskote tq. (950 A.D.).

Punnada 70 is mentioned in a record of 900 from Aradeshahalli of Devanahalli tq. This is distinct from Punnadu in Mysore dt.

Kaivaranadu is mentioned in the Siddanahalli record of 1041 from Hoskote tq.

Kerekunda-300 is mentioned in a record of 720 from Marenahalli, in Hoskote tq. the region perhaps extending over the whole taluk.

Kunugi-500 is mentioned in a record of c.900 from Aradeshahalli» Devanahalli tq.,

Salne — 300 or Sannenadu included Gangavara, Pattandur, Avati, Karahalli, etc.

Bidekanda was in Bangalore tq. in which Kamapur and Madambapattana were included. **Kukkarenadu** included Taluvura Poogundi, Aigandapura, Binnamangala, Nakkuru, Maniupra, etc, **Kukkurapalikkadnadu or Kukkalanadu** included Dasarahalli, Vasantahalli, Perakad, Tippur, etc., in Bangalore tq.

Villages included in the **Kaluvalinadu or Nelavalanadu** like Vadagatta, Chandimadiyahalli, Madagutte, etc., in Channapattana tq. have been indentified

Mudigonda Cholamandala of the Cholas included RajendraChola Valanadu. Karikalachola Valanadu, Kilalvenadu, Murushu(Morasu)nadu of Bangalore dt. in the South and Western parts.

Vikramacholamandala had Sannenadu, Kukkanurunadu and Mannenadu. The eastern and northern parts of Bangalore dt. were in **Nigarila Cholamandala** which had Yalahanka nadu, Mashandinadu and Veppurunadu in it.

Other divisions mentioned are Karikalachola Valanadu (Mulur inscription of 1000); Kshatriyashikbamani Valanadu (Puliyur,. was in it), Rajendrachola Valanadu (part , of Mudigondacholanadu), Erumarai or Yamara (Anekal (q. parts), **Elahakka or Elaipakka (Yalahanka)nadu**, Kilatainadu(in Channapattna tq.), Kunjinadu(earlier name: Pulliyur Nadu), Chikkagangavadinadu, Turaivarinadu, Periyanadu, Banatihalliyanadu, Saviteyanadu, Hommaligenadu and Kadanur-70 are also identified.